

CITY OF LAKEWOOD



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood expresses its appreciation to the Washington State Legislature for their dedication to furthering legislative priorities and strengthening the partnership with the City of Lakewood; and

WHEREAS, Senator Steve O'Ban, Representatives Christine Kilduff and Dick Muri of Legislative District 28, and Senator Steve Conway, Representatives Steve Kirby and David Sawyer of Legislative District 29, serving the citizens of Lakewood, have worked vigorously in supporting the City of Lakewood's 2015-2017 Biennial Legislative Agenda; and

WHEREAS, Legislators of the 28th and 29th Districts were significantly instrumental in adopting a transportation revenue package that includes full funding for improvements totaling \$494.4 million needed to relieve congestion on I-5 and allow for future economic development for the City of Lakewood and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, Legislators of the 28th and 29th Districts obtained \$2.0 million in support of much needed public safety enhancements in anticipation of the Point Defiance Bypass Rail Project that will keep the Lakewood community safe as high speed passenger rail makes its way through the community; and

WHEREAS, Legislators of the 28th and 29th Districts were able to secure funding totaling \$4.64 million in support of two local projects, the Gravelly Lake Drive Non-Motorized Trail project and Lake City Business District sidewalk project; and

WHEREAS, Legislators of the 28th and 29th Districts adopted a capital budget which provides significant investments in local infrastructure and community projects in Lakewood including \$360,000 for the Waughop Lake Trail project at Fort Steilacoom Park, \$300,000 for a pedestrian bridge over Clover Creek near Springbrook Park that will allow an additional portion of the neighborhood access to the park and \$193,950 for the acquisition of open space for Springbrook Park; and

WHEREAS, Legislators of the 28th and 29th Districts adopted an operating budget that retains funding totaling \$462,000 for the Community Policing Program at Western State Hospital that is vital to the safety of the Hospital and the surrounding residential neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Legislators of the 28th and 29th Districts also adopted nearly \$50 million in investments for mental health projects including patient safety improvements at Western State Hospital and a host of renovations and new facilities; and

WHEREAS, legislators of the 28th and 29th Districts collaborated with South Puget Sound communities to encourage the military to support JBLM and advocate to keep JBLM intact, provide incentives to small businesses to hire separating military personnel and provide educational access for veterans and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lakewood City Council, and on behalf of the citizens of Lakewood, tribute is hereby paid to Legislators of the 28th and 29th Legislative Districts

**SENATOR STEVE CONWAY, SENATOR STEVE O'BAN,
REPRESENTATIVE CHRISTINE KILDUFF, REPRESENTATIVE STEVE KIRBY,
REPRESENTATIVE DICK MURI AND REPRESENTATIVE DAVID SAWYER**

for their outstanding service, dedication and commitment to the citizens of Lakewood and urge all citizens to join us in extending our appreciation for their public service.

PROCLAIMED this 10th day of August, 2015.


Don Anderson, Mayor


Jason Whalen, Deputy Mayor


Michael Brandstetter, Councilmember


Marie Barth, Councilmember


Mary Moss, Councilmember


John Simpson, Councilmember


Paul Bocchi, Councilmember